

REMARKS

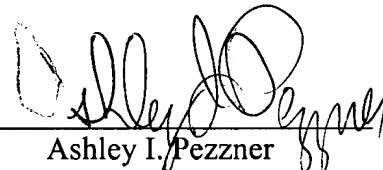
The applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment be entered prior to fee calculation and examination. The applicants have rewritten claims 1-12 into proper U.S. format as newly added claims 13-24. Support for newly added claims 25 and 26 can be found at page 3 of the specification, lines 19-24. Support for newly added claims 27 and 28 can be found at page 4, lines 9-10 of the specification. No additional fee is required for the claims. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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